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**FIRE FACT NO. 058 CHECKLIST(s) :**  
**TITLE : FOSTER CARE PROGRAMS 6 OR MORE**  
**CHECKLIST ITEM(s) : LODGING, DORMITORY**  
**REFERENCE(s) : K.S.A. 31-133**  
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This Fire Fact provides information with regard to fire and life safety features required for various types of foster care settings for facilities housing six or more children. This information is designed only for those settings where the children are capable of self-preservation measures. Facilities providing infant care and care for the physically and mentally challenged will have additional fire and life safety requirements.

Different requirements will apply depending upon the number of individuals living in a home or other residential setting, the level of support those children would need in the event of a fire or other emergency; and whether the current usage of the facility constitutes a "previously approved existing" or "new" operation.

Fire and life safety risk increases proportionally with the number of residents. Existing facilities with six or more residents have more fire and life safety requirements than those with less than six. Facilities with 16 or more clients have additional requirements beyond those specified for those with six to 15 clients.

During an inspection, facilities with more than six and up to 15 occupants must meet the requirements found in the General 06 and the Lodging 06L checklists found in the Kansas Buildings Fire Safety Handbook (KBFSH). Facilities with more than 15 occupants must meet the requirements found in the KBFSH General 06 and Dormitory 06D checklists.

The Kansas State Fire Marshal's Office will not inspect foster care facilities where fewer than six children are being cared for.

As with every type of facility, facilities providing foster care should consult with local building officials, code officials and fire departments for additional requirements, restrictions, or zoning requirements.

